

## The Clayton Citizen

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The men in public life, the men who appear on the platform from time to time and address the people, men who have a cause, whether that cause is in conformity with our opinion or not, are the men that are moulding public opinion today and are creating the sentiment of the people and general public. The power of publicity is a world power. It is the power that moves the world. It does not move the world suddenly spasmodically, on the spur of the moment, so to speak, but is moving the world, a little every day, here a little and there a little. Every wide awake man, whether in business or engaged in other vocations, is wise to this fact and when he cannot reach the public in person, does so through the medium of the press, the one great means of publicity that makes the world move in the direction that it is going today. With this as an established fact, the wide awake merchant and business man is using freely of printers ink to create SENTIMENT in his favor and in his direction and to train the minds of the thinking and reading and BUYING public in his "stock in trade" and his method of doing business. The "Power of Publicity" is the thing that turns the trick.

The question of a farm demonstrator has come to a point to where something definite should be done. We have had considerable agitation for one and to this date have had nothing against one. Aside from articles that have appeared in the Citizen many have come into the office and given expression in favor of the appointment of such an one, provided one could be gotten and chosen, appointed or given us, with no political strings to him and with the ability to give real expert advice, based upon scientific knowledge coupled with real experience. The farmers seem to be adverse to what some have expressed themselves as being a "know-all" if any of you know just exactly what that is, which I feel sure that we shall understand to mean that one who shall attempt to put out to the farmers a brand of pure farm technique without the consideration of the farmers hard earned and dearly bought experience in connection therewith. We would be more than pleased to see a man that would be such as would be a community builder, a real farm expert, both in technical knowledge and in practical experience, and one who had the cause of the farm at heart because he really loves the greatest, the first and the most noble of all industries, the tilling of the soil. Such an one can be had and we believe that this would be the greatest investment that could be made for the interests of the county at large that can be made, considering the cost. If the people are for the demonstrator, let them get petitions signed up in their various neighborhoods, and present them to the County Commissioners so they can take definite action in procuring the same. We have the information that if the people want the Demonstrator that the same can be had.

The "Trust Busting" business of the present administration has been about as effective as has been their ability to run the Government without revenue. In the first they have tampered with the Sherman Anti-Trust law until they have slipped some ambiguous wording into the vital machinery of the Bill until it becomes wholly inoperative. For instance, the law among other things recites, in its present changed form, that a Corporation shall be entitled to a "substantial" return, etc., just as though there was a possibility of a court or jury to arrive at a definite conclusion as to what the term "substantial" means, as applied to various trust legislation. Men who have to do with the affairs of the Government and are in a position to know, tell us that under the Sherman Trust law as it originally was, that the price of gasoline, that has gone soaring far beyond the bounds of reason within the past ninety days, could be reduced in a short time to a fair, just and equitable basis but that under the law as it is today, they have as yet been unable to cope with the situation. Do you recognize the fact that gasoline has gone up practically 200 per cent. within the

past ninety days? It has, alright, and this right in the "teeth," as it were, of the much gloated, much talked of, Trust-Busting Administration of the Democratic Party. The party has made a dismal failure in the matter of handling the finances of the government so far and they will reap as a reward for their inefficiency a sharp rebuke at the hands of the voters in the 1916 election.

In an official bulletin issued by Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, appears the name of Algin Oldham, of Grenville, this county, as having qualified as a sharp-shooter of the Government service.

Algin, who is a son of William L. Oldham, of Grenville, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at its Denver, Colo., recruiting station on April 26, 1915, and is now serving at the marine barracks, naval station, Guam, Marianna Island, where he is having many interesting experiences and adventures.

Considering the fact that Oldham is scarcely more than a recruit, his performance in gunnery is considered by Marine Corps officials as little short of marvelous, and they expect him to break many marksmanship records before his enlistment expires.

The opening of the new Mission Theater marks a new epoch in the progress and development of the city. Among other things, we shall be known as a town of wholesome amusement and the best place in the southwest in which to enjoy it. We do not think of a structure of this nature for a place only in which to hold a moving picture show, or a vaudeville or the accommodations of the average traveling troupe, nor even for the higher class of comedy and drama as we have had on the opening week, but we think of the possibilities of the city when we have at our disposal such a magnificent building and auditorium in which can be had public gatherings of various kinds. We are coming to be in the running for Conventions, if you please, assemblies of more than ordinary importance, if you please, and although we have come in a little late to bid for the National Convention of either of major political parties for the nominating conventions of 1916, we will be getting a good head start, for the one that will convene again in 1920. If Mr. Herzstein had put us next to this some time ago, we might have landed something this time, but as it is now, we will have to be satisfied with the hopes that we may entertain one of the big conventions in 1920. Of course by the time that 1920 comes around we will have grown into such a large city that there will be no doubt but that we can bid for anything that we want to, whether we get it or not.

Now there are other things that Clayton has a right to be proud of and one of these things is the prospects of its educational facilities. The Bonds are voted for a \$35,000.00 school building which will enable the city to take her rightful place among the other cities of the state in an educational way. We have the pupils, we have the country to draw from and we are so centrally located as will make us the logical place for a central school which shall not only accommodate the pupils of the town, but will be a drawing card to every boy and girl within a radius of one hundred miles either way from Clayton to come here and get the advantages of the best education in the grades and a higher education as well. Some have advanced the criticism that we would be taxed here in Clayton for the education of children out side of the city and that all of those that would come here for school privileges would come and attend school at the expense of the taxpayers of the city. This is a false impression and one that the considerate thinker will not take seriously. Our investigation has proved to us that those wanting the higher education are not proved to us that those wanting dodgers but are willing to pay for what they get and are more than willing to pay what ever is fair and just in way of tuition while attending schools. Furthermore, the class of folks ordinarily that are seeking a higher education are the best of citizens to have in town and will be customers of the business and professional men of the town. Its all a boost for the town and for the people of the town and we love to speak of it all and have a tendency at times to get just a little long winded when we get started off on the subject.



RYAN WALKER

Mr. Walker, who will speak at the Dixie Theatre Sunday evening, Feb. 13th, has achieved international fame as a cartoonist. He illustrates his lectures with chalk sketches, which he executes with lightning rapidity. His wit enlivenes what to some might prove a dry talk, for there is substance as well as wit in Walker's speech and pictures.

The admission is twenty-five cents for adults and ten cents for children.

The second lecture of the series, delivered by Mr. George R. Kirkpatrick last Sunday evening, was better attended than the first, owing, doubtless, to the better weather and better publicity. Not a person moved till the speaker finished.

A pie supper was held at the new School House in Dist. No. 70, of which Mr. John Shirley is the teacher, and a great time was had. The real purpose of the supper was that the district had built a new school house with State Aid and donations and that there was yet a deficit in the treasury to meet all of the outstanding bills, and this means was taken as one of making up the deficit, and the way the good people of the neighborhood did respond to the appeals of the Auctioneers, is evidence of one of three things; either the ability of the Auctioneers, the attractiveness of the ladies that owned the pie, or the public spiritedness of the people. The net proceeds of the supper was \$45.00. Some of the Clayton folks were in attendance and made themselves heard and registered their hearty expression of good will, wishes, and praise to the good people of the community. Those present from town were Mr. Errett, County Supt., Mr. G. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Osborn. Before entering upon the most important of the events of the evening, the eating of the pies, there was a short program prepared and rendered by the school, under the able instruction of Prof. Shirley. This consisted of readings, recitations, two short dialogues, all of which were well rendered. Visiting parties from Clayton were called upon to address the audience, which they did, Mr. Errett, making the opening address. He spoke on the lines of Co-operation, and the need of a thorough education for the rising generation. Mr. Errett emphasized the need of education, not merely of book learning, as we sometimes say, but a real practical education, up to the needs and demands of the present time, and such preparation in the individual as will fit him and make him wholly efficient to occupy and fill the station and position in life to which he aspires.

The Speechfest closed by an address from Mr. Smith on the subject of "Preparedness" in which he emphasized that the kind of preparedness that was most needed in our county and state and nation, was a good, thorough education for every young man and young lady of the land.

After all of the program was through, the matter of selling the pies to the highest bidder was next on the program and the most competent Auctioneers were engaged to do the work. The cake was voted to the popular young lady, the lucky selection falling to Miss Carr. Mr. Smith and Mr. Errett were the Auctioneers, unanimously selected by the crowd.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown during the sickness and death of our loved one. Also the Order of Odd Fellows for their comforting words and services.

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